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DATE: 4 November 1973

TIME: 0600 EST

SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST HOSTILITIES

REFERENCE: DIA Analysis

1. GENERAL

a. (S/NFD) The cease-fire continues to hold, although there are indications that there may be an outbreak of fighting on the 4th. No significant cease-fire violations have occurred in the period 031700 to 040330 EST. Plans to expand UNEF continue. Peru has agreed to send 500 troops.

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**2. UN ACTIVITIES**

(U) Peru announced today that it will send a 500-man infantry battalion to join the UNEF. The date of departure has not been set.

**3. CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS**

No significant activity.

**4. OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**a. EGYPT**

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[redacted] the Jordanian ambassador to Cairo passed information to Amman on 2 November which strongly suggested that the Egyptians were determined to retake territory seized by Israeli forces after the 22 October cease-fire.

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[redacted] has received some signs of Egyptian alert but denies this alert is based on IDF actions or intentions. [redacted] had no indications that fighting on Egyptian front, had resumed as of 0345 EST. Furthermore, IDF denies that the alleged Israeli broadcast was ever made.

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**b. ISRAEL**

(U) The London Sunday Observer has reported that Israeli troops captured seven Russian soldiers in uniform on the Syrian front during the first week of the war, and may still be holding them as prisoners of war. The paper said the Russians were captured when Israeli forces overran their bunker.

**c. PRISONERS OF WAR**

(U) A press report out of Cyprus states that Israel and Egypt may exchange wounded prisoners on 4 November. They reportedly will be transported on Red Cross aircraft. However, neither Cairo nor Tel Aviv has confirmed this report.

**d. SYRIAN CLIMATE**

(C) The rainy season has begun and normally extends from November through February. Vehicle operations will be primarily restricted to paved roads. The terrain along the Israeli southern and northern flanks rules out off-road maneuvers by large armor formations; armor operations will thus be mainly limited to Damascus - Quneitra highway area.

**e. RELIEF SUPPLIES**

(U) [redacted] a total of 88 trucks had crossed the Israeli lines and offloaded supplies for the Egyptian 3d Army.

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**5. SOVIET ACTIVITIES**

a. GROUND

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c. AIR

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